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1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES QUERIES IN REFTEL A RELATED ONLY TO FY75. NCAP. COMMENTS ON FY76 NCAP WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. ARRANGEMENTS UNDERWAY TO INCREASE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANU PERSONNEL. CO OF CANU HAS AGREED RELEASE 20-25 MEN FOR TRAINING IN EACH OF THREE COURSES SCHEDULED FOR CY1975. WITH THIS PLAN, CANU SHOULD BE ABLE COMPLETE TRAINING OF MINIMUM NUMBER PERSONNEL (114) NEEDED FOR ITS 19 TEAMS BY SPRING 1976M ASAC IS ONE OF FOUR CENTRAL AGENCIES ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS AND IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN NCAP TO ENSURE GOP ABILITY TO COPE WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. RECOMMEND SUPPORT FOR ASAC IN FY75 AND FY76.

MISSION RECOMMENDS ALSO EXTENSION OF ASSIGNMENT ROBERT D. LONG AS NARCOTICS ADVISOR THROUGH FY76. END SUMMARYM

2. CANU: PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL A, ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY UNDERWAY TO INCREASE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANU PERSONNEL. NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY PLANS TO CONDUCT THREE 8-WEEK COURSES IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING DURING CY1975. FIRST COURSE SCHEDULED BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEBRUARY 3, SECOND COURSE IS EXPECTED BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 5,

AND THIRD COURSE EXPECTED BEGIN ABOUT SEPTEMBER 8. FOREGOING SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO SOME SHIFT IN DATES IN LATTER STAGES TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIALIZED COURSE IN COMPLIANCE TRAINING TENTATIVELY SET FOR NOVEMBER. CANU CHIEF, COL. FELIX, HAS AGREED TO DETAIL 20 TO 25 MEN FOR TRAINING IN EACH NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COURSE. THIS SCHEDULE CALLS FOR MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OF CANU ENFORCEMENT MANPOWER TO BE IN TRAINING AT ANY ONE TIME. CANU PERSONNEL ARE NOT RECRUITS BUT MUST BE DRAWN FROM ACTIVE DUTY ROSTER TO ATTEND SCHOOL. IF THIS RATE OF TRAINING CAN BE SUSTAINED, CANU SHOULD BE ABLE COMPLETE TRAINING OF MINIMUM NUMBER ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL NEEDED TO MAN ITS 19 SIX-MAN TEAMS BY SPRING 1976. THIS HEAVY TRAINING SCHEDULE IS MAXIMUM THAT CAN BE ARRANGED FOR CANU IN FY75 AND FY76.

3. ASAC: REITERATE RECOMMENDATION THAT SUPPORT BE PROVIDED TO ANTI-SMUGGLING ACTION CENTER (ASAC) IN FY75 (AND FY76) TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING, EQUIPPING, AND FIELDING OF 12 ASAC MOBILE NARCOTICS TEAMS. BELIEVE THIS SEGMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NCAP IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN ENSURING GOP ABILITY TO COPE WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING NOW AND IN FUTURE IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. ASAC IS ONE OF FOUR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS. AS REPRESENTATIVE OF FINANCE SECRETARY, CHAIRMAN OF ASAC (GENERAL PELAGIO CRUZ) IS REGULAR MEMBER DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD AND ONE OF THREE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEFS ON THE DDB (TOGETHER WITH DIRECTOR BUGARIN OF NBI AND COL. FELIX OF CANU). ASAC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF CASH REWARDS TO ALL AGENCIES FOR SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS AND DRUGS. SINCE 1972 ASAC ITSELF HAS MADE A TOTAL OF 91 APPREHENSIONS FOR TRAFFICKING, WITH 39 CONVICTIONS TO DATE. TWENTY-FOUR ASAC AGENTS HAVE RECEIVED SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS TRAINING AND MORE ARE SCHEDULED FOR UPCOMING COURSES. REGIONAL ASAC (RASAC) MOBILE NARCOTICS TEAMS WILL BE STATIONED IN FOLLOWING ELEVEN CITIES WHERE RASAC HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED: I SAN FERNANDO, II APARRI, III CABA-NATUAN, IV MANILA, V LEGAZPI, VI ILOILO, VII CEBU, VIII TACLOBAN, IX ZAMBOANGA, X CAGAYAN DE ORO, AND XI DAVAO. TWELFTH ASAC MOBILE TEAM IS TO BE STATIONED AT ASAC HEADQUARTERS (CAMP AGUINALDO) IN QUEZON CITY TO SERVE AS RESERVE TEAM FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY AND ASSIST IN GREATER MANILA AREA. AS WITH OTHER CENTRAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, ASAC COOPERATES AND COORDINATES WITH LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS. THE MOBILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT USED BY ASAC NARCOTICS TEAMS HAS SAME RADIO FREQUENCY RESERVED FOR USE ALL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAMS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. EACH RASAC MOBILE NARCOTICS TEAM IS EXPECTED TO FUNCTION THROUGHOUT ENTIRE REGION (COMPRISING SEVERAL PROVINCES EACH) TO WHICH IT IS ASSIGNED, COORDINATING AND COOPERATING WITH LOCAL POLICE NARCOTICS TEAMS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS APPROPRIATE. FOR CASES THAT DEVELOP IN PROJECT CITIES THAT EXTEND BEYOND CITY BOUNDARIES, POLICE UNITS NEED TO COLLABORATE

WITH AN AGENCY SUCH AS ASAC TO OBTAIN JURISDICTIONAL CAPABILITY OF OPERATING ACROSS CITY AND PROVINCIAL BORDERS. IN ADDITION TO CASES RASAS UNITS DEVELOP THEMSELVES, THEY WILL, WHEN FULLY EQUIPPED, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINED MANPOWER, TRANSPORT, AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT CITY POLICE UNITS BOTH WITHIN AND BEYOND CITY BOUNDARIES. THIS TYPE OF JOINT OPERATION, WITH ASAC NARCOTICS PERSONNEL WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL POLICE, HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PAST IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INCLUDING DAVAO AND OLONGAPO.

4. USAID NARCOTICS ADVISOR: MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS EXTENSION OF ASSIGNMENT ROBERT D. LONG AS USAID NARCOTICS ADVISOR THROUGH FY76. LONG HAS CONSTRUCTED AND IMPLEMENTED A SOUND SUPPORT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, COMMODITY ASSISTANCE, AND ADVISORY SERVICE TO ALL MAJOR GOP AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH ENFORCEMENT OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS LAWS. BELIEVE LONG SHOULD CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE NCAP FOR FY75 AND FY76. CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT HE BE AVAILABLE TO INSPECT, MONITOR, AND EVALUATE THIS PROGRAM AS IT CONTINUES TO DEVELOP. SULLIVAN

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